

Hello: I live in New Haven, CT. In our town there is little reception--fuzzy ABC at best--a situation which forces us to subscribe to Comcast cable services. Comcast has no competition so there is a fixed fee. This does not bother me nearly as much as Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election which is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies, or cable monopolies, control the airwaves, we get more of someone's personal agenda and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.

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